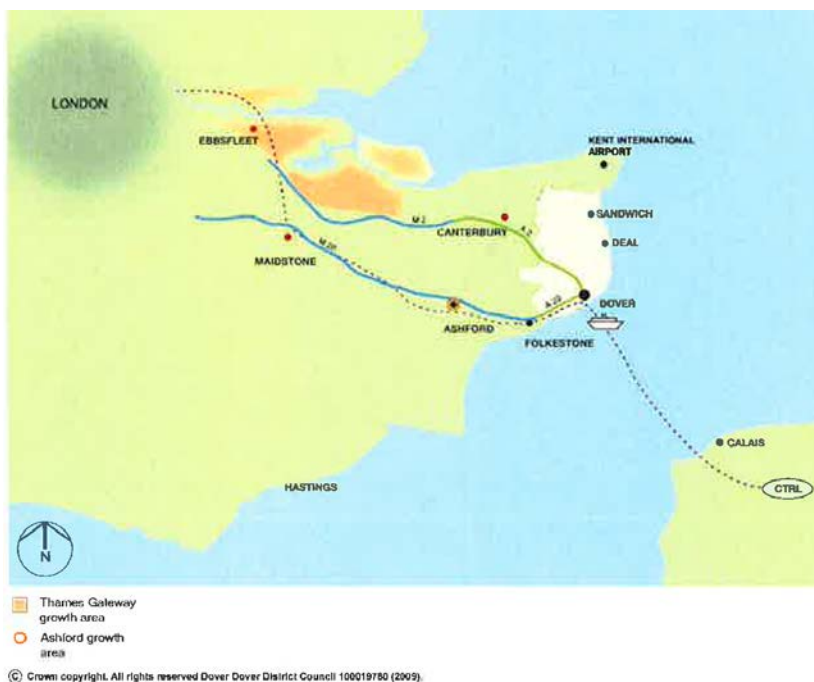


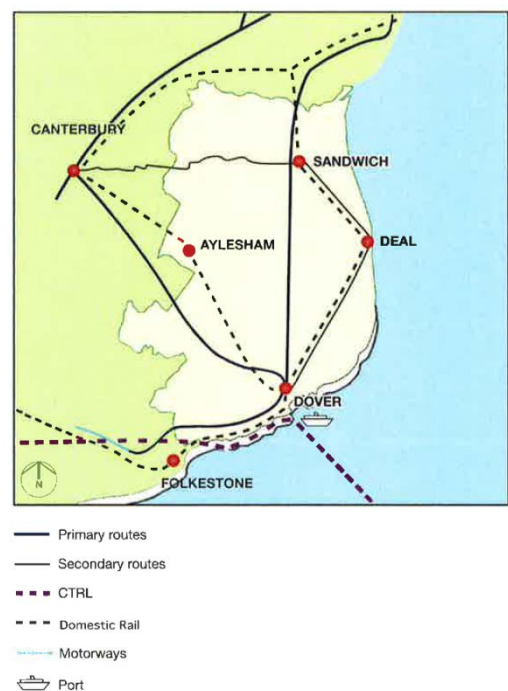
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### 1. MAPS OF THE DOVER DISTRICT

Regional Location



Dover District



Source: Dover District Local Development Framework Core Strategy Adopted February 2010

### 2. DISTRICT PROFILE

- Dover District covers an area of 31,484 hectares (123 square miles), with a coastline of around 20 miles, and is one of twelve districts that make up the county of Kent. The district contains two urban areas, a market town and a large rural area made up of dozens of villages and hamlets. It is home to the internationally famous White Cliffs and is the UK's Gateway to Europe, within easy access of London and the continent.
- About 6,900 hectares (22%) of the District is designated as part of the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and of this 876 hectares (3% of the District) is designated as Heritage Coast, centred on the white cliffs either side of Dover.
- The Dover district is steeped in history and has a tradition of strategic, commercial and symbolic importance, attracting visitors from across the world. Sandwich and Dover are both Cinque Ports and Deal is a member of the Confederation. The district contains the spectacular Norman Castle at Dover, the Tudor castles of Deal and Walmer and the Roman castle at Richborough. Sandwich is the most complete medieval town in Britain and Deal is noted for its Georgian seafront.
- There are a range of sports and leisure facilities on offer in the district including leisure centres, swimming pools, country parks and gardens, play areas, cinemas, theatres and museums. The district is famous for its golf courses including the Royal St. George's in Sandwich, which has hosted the Open

Championship. Please see [www.whitecliffscountry.org.uk](http://www.whitecliffscountry.org.uk) to discover all that you can do in the Dover district.

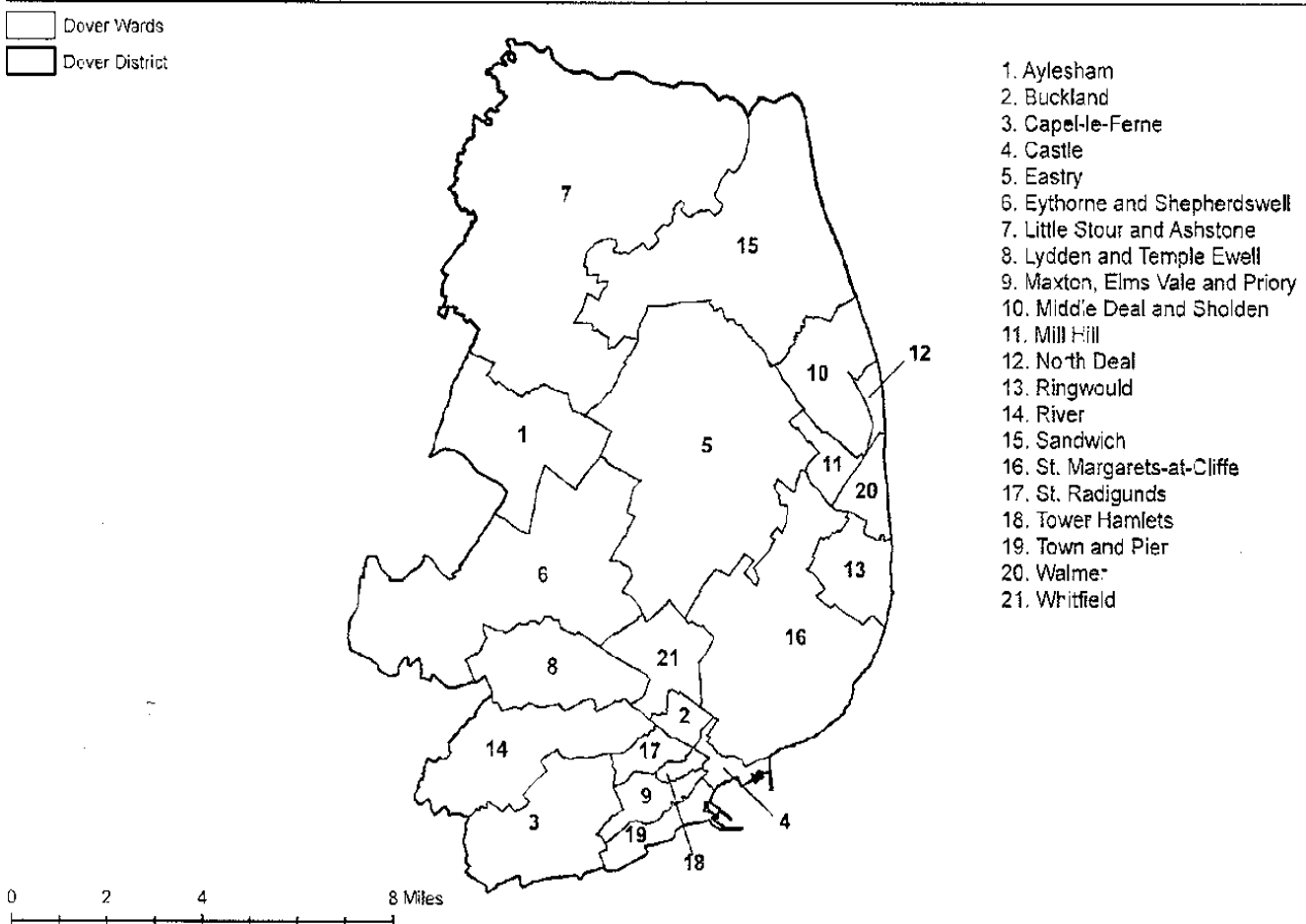
- The economy of the Dover district is closely linked with the Port of Dover and ancillary activities, although there are other sources of employment including construction and accommodation & food services. The designation of the former Pfizer pharmaceutical site in Sandwich by the Government as an Enterprise Zone, renamed 'Discovery Park', and life science is a core activity at the site has proved to be extremely successful in terms of the number of jobs that have been created at the site. With over 70 companies from world-renowned pharmaceutical companies to bio-tech entrepreneurs, Discovery Park is one of the most successful Enterprise Zones in the UK. A wide range of business and professional support services are also based at Discovery Park to serve this global hub for science and technology.
- The diversity of the Dover district presents many opportunities and challenges. Throughout the district sensitive issues such as low skills, pockets of deprivation, health inequalities and environmental issues need to be tackled in both urban and rural areas. Deprivation is of particular concern in several of the district's inner urban areas and there are many challenges to overcome including poverty and social exclusion, education and skills and social welfare.
- Dover District Council's Core Strategy sets out the plans to address population decline by building 14,000 new homes, requiring around 200,000 m<sup>2</sup> of employment floor space, creating 6,500 new jobs and to develop a stronger retail offer. The Core Strategy is the principal document in the Local Development Framework.

### 3. DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL - POLITICAL COMPOSITION

Chief Executive:	Leader:	Website:
Nadeem Aziz	Cllr Paul Watkins	<a href="http://www.dover.gov.uk">www.dover.gov.uk</a>

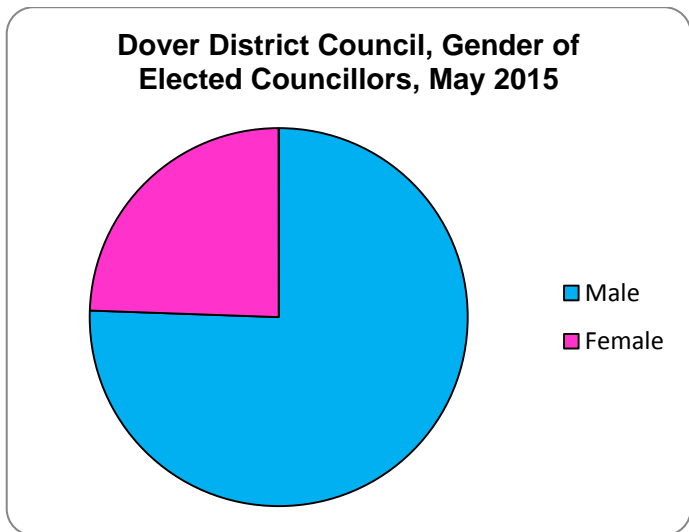
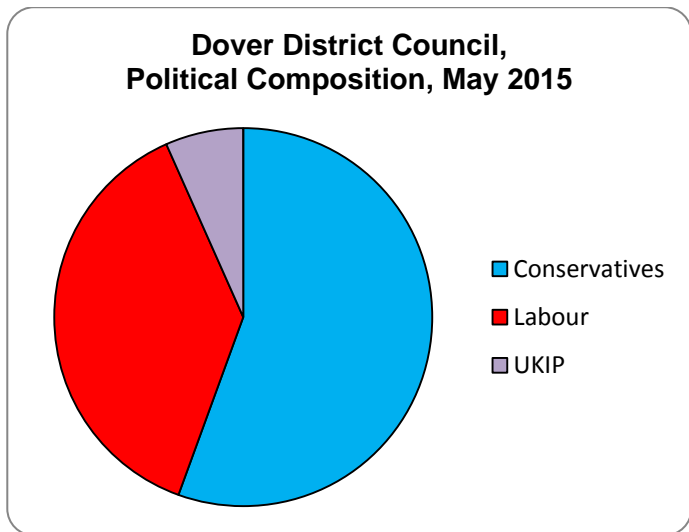
- Dover District Council is currently Conservative controlled.
- District elections are held every four years and were last held on 07 May 2015. The next elections will be held on Thursday 2 May 2019.
- The Dover district is divided into 21 electoral wards:

#### Dover District 2011 Electoral Wards



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- There are [45 serving councillors](#)<sup>1</sup> representing the 21 wards, with each ward electing either one, two or three councillors depending on the size of its electorate. Of these, 25 councillors represent the Conservative party; 17 the Labour party and 03 UK Independence Party (UKIP). There are 34 male and 11 female councillors.



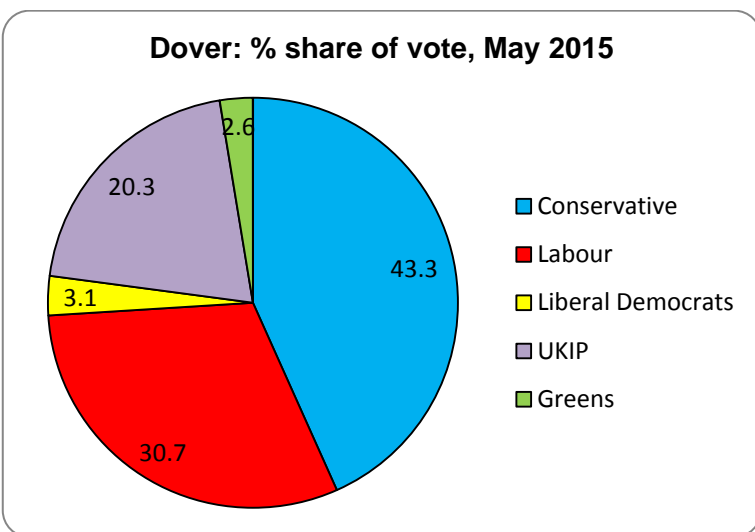
#### 4. DOVER DISTRICT : MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

- The UK is currently divided into 650 parliamentary constituencies, each of which is represented by one MP in the House of Commons. Two Parliamentary Constituencies cross the boundary of the Dover District Council area: Dover and South Thanet.
- The last General Election was held on 07 May 2015.

#### MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT<sup>2</sup>

Constituency	MP	Party	No. of votes	Majority	Turnout	Electorate
<b>Dover:</b>	Charlie Elphicke	Conservative (Held)	21,737	6,294	50,782	72,930
<b>South Thanet:</b>	Craig Mackinlay	Conservative (Held)	18,838	2,812	49,573	70,970

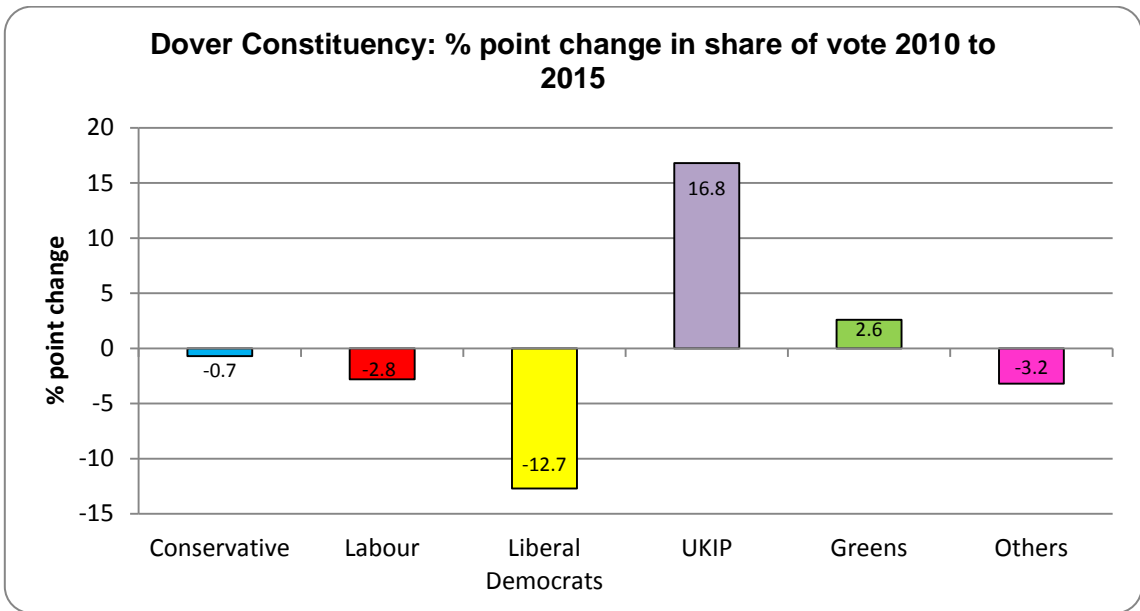
#### General Election: Dover



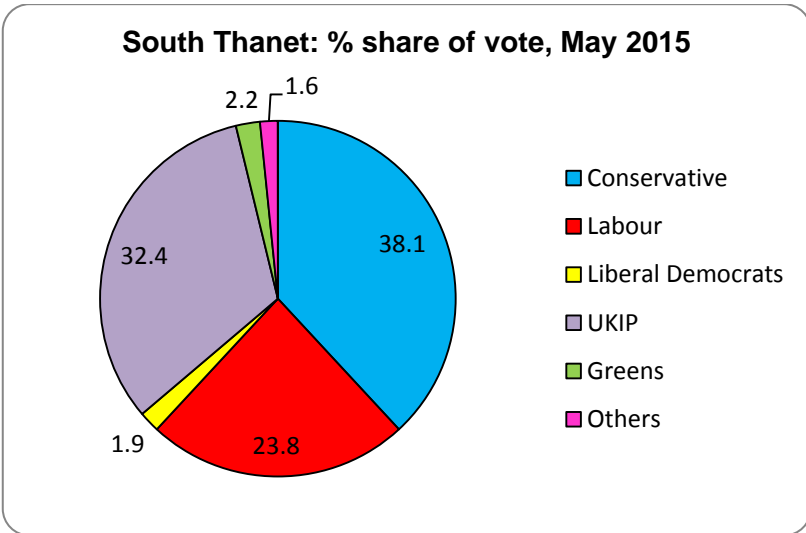
- In the Dover Constituency, Charlie Elphicke held the seat for the Conservative Party with 21,737 votes. This equates to 43.3% of the vote and was a majority of 6,294 over the second placed Labour party candidate, who received 30.7% of the vote.
- Turnout of the electorate was 68.9%, which is above the average for the UK of 66.2%.
- The percentage points share of the vote was down for the Conservatives (-0.7), Labour (-2.8), Liberal Democrats (-12.7) and Others (-3.2). However, the percentage points share of the vote was up for UKIP (+16.8) and the Greens (+2.6).

<sup>1</sup> Source: [DDC Website – Your Councillors](http://moderngov.dover.gov.uk/mgMemberIndex.aspx?bcr=1) (http://moderngov.dover.gov.uk/mgMemberIndex.aspx?bcr=1)

<sup>2</sup> Source: [www.parliament.uk](http://www.parliament.uk)



### General Election: South Thanet



- In the South Thanet Constituency, Craig Mackinlay held the seat for the Conservative Party with 18,838 votes. This equates to 38.1% of the votes and was a majority of 2,812 over the second placed UK Independence Party candidate, who received 32.4% of the vote.
- Turnout of the electorate was 69.6%, which is above the average for the UK of 66.2%.
- The percentage points share of the vote was down for the Conservatives (-9.9), Labour (-7.6) and Liberal Democrats (-13.2). However, the percentage points share of the vote was up for UKIP (+26.9), the Greens (+2.2) and Others (+1.6).

